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## BUREAU REPORT FOR APRIL 1957

There was a lot of activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in April of interest to collectors of United States stamps. This report from the Post Office Department revealed that a large batch of num-  
bers were assigned to plates, many were cancelled from further use,  
and at least two dozen were sent to press for the first time. Numbers  
assigned to plates in April were —

Liberty 1c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25687-8; 25691-2; 25695-6;  
25703-4; 25707-8; 25714-5.

Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25693-4; 25718-9.

Steel 3c commm, 200 subject plates, numbered 25699-700-701-702.

Liberty 4c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25705-6; 25709-10.

U. S. Flag 4c commm, 200 subject plates, numbered 25711-2-3; 25720.

Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25716-7.

Plates which were sent to press for the first time in April are as  
follows. Included are two each of the Steel and Flag commm —

Liberty 1c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25677-8-9-80-81-82;  
25687-8.

Liberty 2c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25579; 25585.

Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25663-4-5-6; 25669-70;  
25667-8.

Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25564; 25584.

Steel 3c commm, 200 subject plates, numbered 25699-700.

U. S. Flag 4c commm, 200 subject plates, numbered 25711-2.

Sort of a wholesale cleaning out of the vaults at the Bureau is in-  
dicated by the list of plates which were removed from further use by  
cancellation. Three of them were never used, and such are indicated  
with the appearance of the numbers. Plates destroyed are —

25562, 25549, 25552, 25530, 25582, 25556, 25557 — Liberty 3c regular.  
25361, 25362, 25326, 25327 — Liberty 1c regular.  
25578, 25649, 25650 — Liberty 3c coil (384 subject plates).  
24803, 24804, 24805, 24806 — Commodore Perry 5c commm.  
24986, 24987, 24988, 24989 — Kansas 3c commm.  
25104, 25105, 25106, 25107, 25108 (none) — Arts Academy 3c commm.  
25117, 25118, 25119, 25120 — Land Grant Colleges 3c commm.  
25193, 25194, 25195, 25196, 25197, 25198 — Soo Locks 3c commm.  
25458, 25465, 25467 — Liberty 2c regular.  
25136, 25140 — Liberty 3c coil.  
25441, 25442 — Liberty 1c coil (384 subject plates). Never used.  
25446 — Liberty 4c regular.  
25152 — Liberty 2c coil.  
25207, 25208 — Atoms For Peace 3c commm.

Iceland Has 25Kr.  
Regular On The Way

A new 25 Kronur addition to the  
regular series of Iceland has had  
its June release postponed until  
August 1, advises Jonas Hall-  
grimsson, P. O. Box 1116, Reyk-  
javik, Iceland.



Engraving and printing is in  
the hands of Thomas de la Rue  
& Co., Ltd., of London, England.  
In the design is the residence  
of the nation's president at Bes-  
sastadir with the rugged land-  
scape of the country as a back-  
ground.

Scout Cacheted Cover  
To Get July 12 Cancel

So that those who ordered  
covers sponsored by Chapter 1 of  
the Scouts on Stamps Society do  
not feel they have been given a  
bad deal, it is to be noted that  
the date of this cover will be  
July 12 and not July 4 as given  
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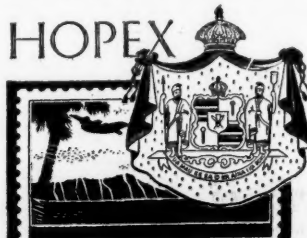
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Three designs are to be used.  
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lower values. Island scenes will  
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stamps, and three higher denom-  
inations.

The British series is to be  
printed on paper watermarked  
script CA, while the French  
comes with an RF. Denomina-  
tions are 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c,  
30c, 40c, 50c, 1fr, 2fr and 5fr.

In addition the 5c, 10c, 20c, 40c  
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age Due. The British will have  
an overprint reading "Postage  
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# World Flight Polar Mail Items

Julius Weiss

There is much polar activity at the present time. Many of the covers are franked with interesting postage, however, the cancels in most cases tell the story. Keep your eyes on both poles (arctic and antarctic). Here are some of the latest data:

The Japanese Observation ship "SOYA" made an expedition to antarctic territory in conjunction with the Geophysical Year. The ship lay close to Prince Harald Antarctica. In conjunction with this a pretty 5-color cacheted envelope was printed and postmarked Prince Harald Antarctica. The cancel shows a pair of penguins and the date 1/30/1957.

There are some permanent arctic bases (radio and weather station) at Spitsbergen. You should remember that Svalbard is the name for Spitsbergen. A cover I received from Ny-Alesund (Svalbard) has a green cachet which says: Worlds Northernmost community-Kingbay-79° North-Svalbard. Another I have is flown from Tromso Norway 3/16/57 and back-stamped Longyearbyen, Svalbard. This too is arctic territory. I understand from a friend in Norway that much of this is "drop" mail.

From Davis Land (Australia) many interesting covers are now making their way to the States. Try to obtain these items with a registry label on them. These labels are blue and read: Davis Aust., Antarctic Terr. plus the registration number. Davis Aust. includes, Mawson, Heard, Vestfold Hills, and Macquarie Island.

The Ross Island material sent under registered mail has a label which merely says "R" upon it plus a number. However, it has a cancel which says Scott Base-Ross Dependency. I prefer the registration labels so that the cover has a back stamp-showing that it truly saw postal service and is not merely a bogus cancel.

Air-letter sheets are gaining in popularity. Friends throughout the world are seeking them. Check for any early Australia POW air-letters, v-mail air-letters etc. The American Airmail Society's Air-Letter Catalog has a very good guide as to these sheets.

Collectors of Japanese First Flights will find JAP (Japanese Airlines) most cooperative with philatelic folks. They send news from time to time about first flights; special flights etc. Try to contact them: Japan Air Lines Co., Ltd., 2-Chome, Marunouchi, Chiyodo-ku, Tokyo, Japan. When writing any airline as to flights enclose an international reply coupon or two as this is a good policy.

A letter from Australia tells me that the Qantas Super-Constellation first regular flight of May 15, 1954 is quite a tough set to obtain even "down under". This is a nice set of cacheted covers of 10 points from Australia to North America (USA to Canada).

I shall be glad to give further data as to flights and polar news. Should readers be interested merely drop me a line. Of course, any letter requiring a reply should contain a stamped envelope. (J. Weiss, 3417 E. 147th St., Cleveland 20, Ohio).

## Childrens Stamp Sponsor Is Dead

According to the Washington Evening Star Hilda Johnson Butterfield, 73, who sponsored the Children's Friendship stamp issued by the United States last December, died May 31 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Known as Lady Butterfield, she was the widow of Sir Frederick Theodore Roosevelt Butterfield and a cousin of the late Brig. Gen. William L. (Billy) Mitchell.

Lady Butterfield was not a stamp collector, but in her wartime work in Britain with Children of the Fighting Forces she developed the idea of a children's friendship stamp to be issued by all members of the United Nations.

Design of the American stamp was chosen after a competition conducted in the schools of the United States and its territories. A Hawaiian boy was the winner.

The 3-cent blue Children's stamp was issued last December at a White House ceremony held at the invitation of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Lady Butterfield had met the President during his wartime service in England.

After World War II, Lady Butterfield turned over her home in Yorkshire, England, as headquarters for the children's organization. It served as a clearing house for toys, books and clothing for children abroad.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carolinda Waters Fischer, of Palm Beach.

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233	4c Columbian	18.00	726	3c Oglethorpe	1.50	926	3c Movies	1.50	1029	3c Columbia	.32
234	5c Columbian	20.00	727	3c Newburgh	.70	927	3c Florida	.70	1060	3c Nebraska	.32
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236	8c Columbian	27.00	729	3c Chicago	.20	929	3c Iwo Jima	.35	1062	3c Eastman	.32
237	10c Columbian	20.00	732	3c N. R. A.	.06	930	1c Roosevelt	.40	1063	3c Lewis & Clark	.32
238	15c Columbian	200.00	733	3c Byrd	13.00	931	2c Roosevelt	.50	1064	3c Fine Arts	.32
239	30c Columbian	300.00	734	5c Kosciuszko	3.50	932	3c Roosevelt	.50	1065	3c College	.32
240	50c Columbian	400.00	736	3c Maryland	2.00	933	5c Roosevelt	.80	1066	8c Rotary	2.00
285	1c Omaha	14.00	737	3c Mothers rty.	.32	934	3c Army	.35	1067	3c Reserves	.32
286	2c Omaha	4.00	738	3c Mothers flat	3.50	935	3c Navy	.35	1068	3c Stone Face	.32
287	4c Omaha	80.00	739	3c Wisconsin	1.50	936	3c Coast Guard	.40	1069	3c Soo Locks	.32
288	5c Omaha	60.00	740	1c Parks	.60	937	3c Al Smith	.15	1070	3c Atoms	.32
289	8c Omaha	150.00	741	2c Parks	.60	938	3c Texas	.35	1071	3c Ticonderoga	.32
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294	1c Pan-Amer.	10.00	744	5c Parks	3.50	941	3c Tennessee	.35	1074	3c Washington	.32
295	2c Pan-Amer.	3.00	745	6c Parks	6.50	942	3c Iowa	.35	1075	11c FIPEX pane	5.00
296	4c Pan-Amer.	60.00	746	7c Parks	4.50	943	3c Smithsonian	.35	1076	3c Fipex	.32
297	5c Pan-Amer.	90.00	747	8c Parks	13.00	944	3c Sante Fe	.35	1077	3c Turkey	.32
298	8c Pan-Amer.	180.00	748	9c Parks	4.50	945	3c Edison	.35	1078	3c Antelope	.32
299	10c Pan-Amer.	110.00	749	10c Parks	5.00	946	3c Pulitzer	.35	1079	3c Salmon	.32
323	1c Louisiana	23.00	772	3c Connecticut	.40	947	3c Centenary	.35	1080	3c Pure Food	.32
324	2c Louisiana	7.00	773	3c San Diego	.35	948	15c CIPEX panes	7.00	1081	3c Wheatland	.32
325	3c Louisiana	200.00	774	3c Boulder Dam	.40	949	3c Doctors	.35	1082	3c Labor	.32
326	5c Louisiana	90.00	775	3c Michigan	.40	950	3c Utah	.35	1083	3c Nassau	.32
327	10c Louisiana	170.00	776	3c Texas	.35	951	3c Constitution	.40	1084	3c Devils Tw.	.32
328	1c Jamestown	17.00	777	3c Rhode Island	.40	952	3c Everglades	.40	1085	3c Children	.32
329	2c Jamestown	8.00	778	TIPEX panes	20.00	953	3c Carver	.35	1086	3c Hamilton	.32
330	5c Jamestown	115.00	782	3c Arkansas	.40	954	3c California	.35	1087	3c Polio	.32
367	2c Lincoln	10.00	783	3c Oregon	.40	955	3c Mississippi	.35	1088	3c Geodetic	.32
368	2c Lincoln imp.	120.00	784	3c Anthony	.20	956	3c Chaplains	.35	1089	3c Architects	.32
370	2c Alaska	7.00	785	1c Army	.35	957	3c Wisconsin	.35	1090	3c Steel	.32
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372	2c Hudson-Fulton	16.00	787	3c Army	.32	959	3c Women	.35	1092	3c Jamestown	.32
373	2c Hudson imp.	100.00	788	4c Army	2.00	960	3c White	.40	1093	3c Teachers	.32
397	1c Pan Pacif.	4.50	789	5c Army	2.00	961	3c Canada	.35			
398	2c Pan Pacif.	2.00	790	1c Navy	.35	962	3c Key	.35			
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403	5c P. P. perf 10	55.00	795	3c Ordinance	.35	967	3c Barton	.70			
404	10c P. P. perf 10	240.00	796	5c Dare	4.00	968	3c Poultry	.90			
537	3c Victory	25.00	797	10c SPA panes	6.00	969	3c Gold Star	.50			
548	1c Pilgrim	11.00	798	3c Constitution	.35	970	3c Kearny	.70			
549	2c Pilgrim	7.00	799	3c Hawaii	.40	971	3c Fireman	.60			
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612	2c Harding rot.	4.50	835	3c Ratification	.40	975	3c Rogers	.50			
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628	5c Ericsson	30.00	858	3c Four States	.40	985	3c G. A. R.	.35			
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644	2c Burgoyne	25.00	ALL 5c Famous Americans	2.00	988	3c Gompers	.32				
645	2c Valley Forge	7.00	863	10c Clemens	17.00	989	3c Freedom	.32			
646	2c Molly P.	8.00	868	10c Riley	20.00	990	3c White House	.32			
647	2c Hawaii	18.00	873	10c Washington	11.00	991	3c Supreme Ct.	.32			
648	5c Hawaii	70.00	878	10c Adams	8.00	992	3c Capitol	.32			
649	2c Aeronautics	6.50	883	10c Nevins	10.00	993	3c Casey Jones	.32			
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710	5c Bicent.	.65	913	5c Netherlands	1.50	1015	3c Newsboy	.32			
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## Our Horse And Buggy Mails

There is a very interesting article under the above title in the May 1957 issue of the Readers Digest. The article is by Wolfgang Lange-wiesche and points out how antiquated are the operations of our Post Office System. It is stated that the Post Office ranks among the first twelve big business institutions in America in dollar volume; ranks third in number of employees; handles 60 per cent of all mail handled in the entire world. You will find this a very interesting article and one that will clearly show you why it operates backwards rather than forward as a big business institution should. By that we mean the more business it does the more it costs to do it and thus the higher the rates it charges. In other big business organizations the rule has always been that the more it does the cheaper it can do it. It is a sad commentary on an antiquated system.



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big metropolitan centers.

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## Registered Mail Labels

Here is an out of the ordinary and an extremely attractive field for someone who wants to venture into a mild form of specializing. In this field there is no need for great study or for use of a magnifying glass to locate spots on stamps or defects therein. You simply collect covers of all countries which have been sent by registered mail. The original object of such a collection would be to get the covers of earlier days which have the small printed and gummed Registered Mail Label attached to the cover. It may be news to some collectors but such labels were once used in our own Registered Mail service. Covers bearing such labels are not common and when one considers the possibilities with foreign covers there is a great big field for a specialized collection that can hold your interest for a long time.

One of the joys of attending a big stamp exhibition and bourse is to browse about the sales tables in a search for what you want to find. In this instance, foreign covers with Registered Mail Labels. A collection of such covers can be made very interesting as the earlier labels were quite attractive and they are very scarce today. These labels usually bore the name of a town and of the country so in countries such as Germany, where their use was common in earlier days one can get covers from many different cities with name of town printed on the label.

For many years past Mr. Walter Brink of Genesee Depot, Wis. has been collecting these labels, but off cover. This is a fascinating side line and I do remember of having given him perhaps a few hundred such labels over the past several years. At times in acquiring old collections, one may find such labels mounted in albums. All such that I came across were given to Walter years ago and today he perhaps has one of the largest collections of such labels that can be found. I have often thought, what a collection these would have been if they had all been on cover.

You should realize that the most interesting thing about any specialized collection is the chase. The fun of mounting and classifying the material and then the hunt for new varieties. If you are looking for some new fields to conquer, try these Registered Mail Labels, either on or off cover, but preferably on cover. Here is a challenge that can arouse a great bit of interest if you have the opportunity to visit stamp shows and browse the bourse tables.

## Registering Stamps Against Theft

Mr. Victor Veesaert of St. Louis, Mo., in a letter to the editor of the American Philatelist, suggests a system of marking code numbers on the backs of rare stamps or on other valuable Philatelic items as a guard against theft. The suggestion is quite a logical one and one that could prevent sale and disposition of such stolen items. It would hardly prevent the theft in the first place as what stamp thief is going to check a lot of stamps to see if they have a registered number on them before stealing them.

Rather, marking of stamps could lead to their destruction as if a thief should find some such marked stamps in a lot he had stolen, the most logical thing for him to do would be to get rid of such stamps at once and that could mean destroying them.

Then again, to mark a mint stamp, one with gum is not practical as the gum could be washed off and the number thus removed. All of which brings me back to my pet idea, get rid of the gum in advance as it is slowly destroying many fine stamps. Owners of blocks of the Columbian issue as well as of single copies should inspect them frequently and note the deterioration that is setting in. Different values and different stamps kept under different conditions will show difference in this gradual destructive agent. Time will come some day when owners of stamps of this nature will try to sell to save a total loss. Washing the gum off would add to the life of such stamps but even that act will be too late after deterioration reaches a certain point.

Stamps of this period are on paper which is of extremely poor quality and will decay long before our first postage stamps show any sign of age.

Collectors of British Colonial issues can be thankful that these stamps are still being printed on a fine quality paper with a high rag content.

## SMILEATELICS

Bob Rieker



"Thin spots or clipped perfs always seem to bring out the beast in you!"

## Mothers Day Pair Issued By Syria

Bruce Conde

March 21, 1957 saw issue of 30,000 sets of Syria's new Mothers' Day stamps.

The vertically arranged commemoratives are both airmails—40pi. blue and 60pi. red, thus totaling one Syrian pound, something less than 30 cents U.S., in face value.



The same theme is featured on both, a young Syrian mother and her baby, but on the low value, Abandowitz shows a laughing baby with arms raised from the cradle, while designer Dhiyad, on the higher value, has shown the mother holding up a very contented looking baby.

In each case the stamp includes a plaque in French reading: "Mothers' Day 1957". On the 40pi. the corresponding Arabic inscription appears directly above the French one. On the 60pi. it is featured in Arabic as the largest lettering on the stamp, in the upper right corner.

Figures of value are not very conspicuous, either in Arabic or western "Arabic" numerals, and the currency and airmail designation have been reduced to the abbreviation "P" for piasters, and "P. Aer." for Poste Aerienne in French, while the corresponding Arabic texts are almost too minute to read.

Syria has, since winning independence from French occupation a decade ago, launched a number of ambitious social and educational programs, of which maternity care, well baby clinics, advice and help to mothers are among the most outstanding. There is a strong and vociferous feminist movement in Syria, headed by the Amira Adila Beyhum al-Jazairi, wife of Prince Mukhtar of Algeria, descendant and heir of the exiled Prince Abdul Qader of Algeria, who spent his last years in the Syrian capital.

The Amira Adila and her daughter Amal, director of the model Dowhat al-Adab school of Damascus, have led the movement for recognition of Syrian motherhood, which is now symbolized yearly by the issue of a special set of Mothers Day stamps by the Post Office Department.

## Have Cachet For Ninth Hobby Club Convention

The All States Hobby Club is sponsoring a cachet for their Ninth Annual Hobby Show and Convention to be held in the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y. on July 26, 27, 28. A different color will be used for each day.

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## Alexandria Sesqui Celebration Cachet

The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of Alexandria, La. will begin on July 4 and continue through the entire month. One of the highlights of the event will be a stamp exhibition sponsored by the local Al-Pine Stamp Club on July 6 and 7 at the Alexandria Community Center.

A feature will be the collection of covers loaned by George S. Buckner of Monroe, La. They are mounted on 20 panels and depict the history of mail in Central Louisiana from 1817 to 1869. The covers are valued at approximately \$20,000.

The club will issue a multi-colored cachet for the event. Covers may be obtained at 10c each from the Al-Pine Stamp Club, P. O. Box 815, Alexandria, La. and will contain a leaflet giving a condensed authentic history of the city.

## "Hitler Heads" Talk At Topical Meeting

The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Topical Assn. will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, June 28, at 8 p. m. at the home of Oscar Hengstler, 222 74th St., North Bergen, N. J.

Guest speaker will be William McFarland, president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society. He will show his highly specialized topical collection of Hitler heads which includes proofs, photos and other rare items.

Guests are always welcome.

## 1957 STAMP PROGRAM

July 1 — 3c Teachers, Philadelphia, Pa. (50 per pane, 120 million).  
July 4 — U. S. Flag 4c, Washington, D.C. (50 per pane, 40,000,000).  
Aug. 1—Air Force 50th Anniversary, Washington, D. C. (No further details).  
Aug. — Shipbuilding 350th Year, Bath, Me. (No further details).  
Sept. 6 — Lafayette Birth Bicentennial (No further details).  
Wildlife Conservation (details not announced).

## ALREADY ISSUED

1086 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.  
1087 — Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.  
1088 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.  
1089—Architects 3c, New York, N. Y., February 23.  
1090 — Steel 3c, New York, N. Y. May 22.  
1091 — Jamestown 3c, Norfolk, Va., June 10.  
1092 — Oklahoma 3c, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 14.

## UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 24—3c and 8c UN Day.  
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**NOTES**

**CARL P. RUETH**

The Rev. Paul E. Monroe, Jr. of Newberry, S.C. is the fortunate owner of the plate block of the 50c Anthony of the Liberty Series one stamp of which is shown here. It is an upper left (UL), No. 25321 with an easily seen legitimate plate variety.



It has several plate cracks. The longest and most prominent starts as a continuation of the second line down from the hair-line on the forehead, extending across the head right above the shiny spot, into and through the cross-hatching, and through the frame and just a tiny bit beyond the outer frame line.

There are two shorter lines in the shiny part of the hair, and a fine one across the frame lines a couple of millimeters below the one described above. Easily seen with a glass or with normal vision. Since many collectors do not gather the higher values in singles, let alone plate blocks, it is understandable why this item has not been spotted before.

I don't urge you to look at every stamp in your possession with a magnifying glass. I do believe you should scan each design as you handle it with a searching eye and if you see anything which looks not normal, then put the glass to it.

If you do not now have a quality magnifying glass get one. You won't need to use it often, but it certainly can pay for itself in one discovery.

1. A commm was issued for the 150th anniversary of statehood of the "Volunteer State". Which state is so known?
2. A commm was issued for the 150th anniversary of statehood of the "Green Mountain State". Which state is so known?

**IT AIN'T ALL ROSES DEPT.:** The following letter came this week from George H. Shirk, 1108 Concord Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Dear Mr. Rueth: "Quite often in reading your column I had the reaction that you seem more interested in being an art critic than a newspaper editor, but until your issue of June 3rd, I have let it pass as an honest difference in opinion.

"However, your use of the word 'ridiculous' in connection with the forthcoming Oklahoma stamp is to me an exhibition of such bad taste that I am able to hold my peace no longer. The word is defined as 'absurdly comical; unworthy of consideration'. Honestly now, even if such a definition were applicable, which it is not, is it good manners for a publication which refers to itself as 'America's Greatest Philatelic Newspaper' to so berate something that means considerable to us Sooners?

"We are proud of Oklahoma, of its accomplishments, of its Semi-

Centennial, and of the symbol of our development in a short fifty years from Indian Territory to magnificent Statehood. As that emblem is the central theme of the stamp, I resent deeply the application of such a definition to the design.

"Granted, all of us in this country have a right to our opinion, whether it be on a subject in which we are skilled or ignorant. That is not the point of this letter; the point being rather that artless epithets are never in good form. By the same token, let us take an example, I have the right to harbor any opinion I wish as to the quality of your column, but were I to express that opinion in as crude or needless a fashion as you have employed in telling us of your opinion of the Oklahoma stamp, I am sure there would be no physician in Shelby County with an instrument capable of taking your blood pressure.

"Very Truly yours,  
"George H. Shirk"

I wonder what would have happened had I said that the design was extremely ridiculous! However, I'm not going to press my luck.

I think the good people of Oklahoma know that I have never said anything derogatory about them or their most progressive state. Never had any reason to, besides which I don't live that way.

I never expect 100% agreement on what is written here where an opinion is concerned. When the words are about the quality of a stamp design check with your local art museum staff and see how much they agree with what I have to say. After all, the stamp picture is a work of art.

I know that we have artists among the readers of this column. None have ever bothered to write to me one way or the other about the criticism, good or bad. I'd like to urge them to drop me a card once in a while to state how much we are, or are not, in agreement.

Honestly, I think the Oklahomans had a poor piece of artwork foisted on them. We in Ohio did, with our statehood commm, too.

Have had several inquiries recently relative to booklet panes which are way off normal in appearance. They have the stamps off at an angle, or partly perforated where they should have perforations, or folded over. These, of course, are all freaks of production.

They do have a worth at least from five to twenty times beyond a normal piece, depending on the amount of disarrangement.

Have also been sent blocks and sheets of stamps where instead of a row of perforations there is a straight-edge. Senders of such want to know what they have and what is the stuff worth.

These straight-edges happen when the full sheet of four panes is a little off in the stack when the sheets are cut up. They are not varieties and are just darn poor copies which are worth nothing but postage.

The first thing with such off-normal material is to ask yourself, "Is this something which a person outside the Bureau of Engraving and Printing can do". Like for instance the straight-edge mentioned above. Anyone with a scissors, razor blade or cutting machine could produce it.

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It is an admirable piece of work. In two colors and eight pages it gives the story of UN airmail stamps and stationery, reproduces some proposed designs, has a mint imprint block of the new 4c airmail stamp, and one of the 4c airmail cards cancelled on the first day of issue.

Mr. Kingdom also sent one of the official programs of the ceremony attendant to the release of the items, which had the stamp tied with the day of issue cancel.

From T/Sgt. Hal A. Barfield of the Tachikawa Air Base in Japan came a nice item. Recently the Airlift Stamp Club which meets on the base staged an international stamp exhibition.

To the program which they had was affixed one of the Armed Forces commems tied with the Army Air Force Postal Service APO 323 postmark. Attached also was a pair of the most recent Athletic stamps of Japan which were tied with the Japanese Tachikawa post office cancel.

A nice bit of evidence of Jap-Yank collaboration and friendship.

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Let's continue our story on the island of Dominica with a look at the colorful historic background of this colony, the first island discovered by Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the New World. This took place on November 3, 1493, and Dominica was so named in honor of Sunday, the day of the week on which it was first sighted.

The island was at that time peopled by the Caribs who were then noted for their warlike propensities, and Dominica was a stronghold from which they sallied forth in war canoes to attack their foes in other islands. European colonists were later to be subjected to similar attacks; this accounts for the fact that for about two centuries after its discovery Dominica did not have any European settlement.

With the decline of Spain as a great power, France and England began to contend for this and other islands of the Caribbean. Ownership, marked at first by peaceful settlement, later came to be decided by force of arms and the history of the island till the nineteenth century was one of naval and military struggle for supremacy. In 1627 Dominica with other islands was granted by Patent to the Earl of Carlisle, but the Caribs frustrated all attempts at colonization. The French, too, for the same reason were unable to secure a foothold and in disgust both powers agreed in the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (1748) to neutralize the island and leave the Caribs in possession. Neither party kept to this clause of the treaty and gradually the French established settlements along the coast and the island came to be recognized as a de facto French Colony.

In 1759 the English captured the island from the French and the conquest was acknowledged in the Peace of Paris (1763). In 1771 Dominica was separated from Grenada, St. Vincent and Tobago and became an individual Colony; in 1775, by Royal Proclamation, a House of Representatives was established.

But undisturbed British occupation was short lived. In 1778 Dominica was invaded by the French under the Marquis de Bouille and after an heroic resistance by the British garrison, capitulated. It

was restored to England by the Treaty of Versailles (1783). Further attempts by the French to capture the island were made in 1795 and 1805, but they were both unsuccessful and from the latter date Dominica has remained in undisturbed British possession.

In 1871 Dominica and the other British islands to the north of her were formed into the federation of the Leeward Islands Colony to which Dominica remained attached until 1939. In 1940 the island became a unit of the Windward Islands Group.

The early economic history of Dominica is in most respects not unlike that of other Caribbean islands. The first attractions were the planting of tobacco, logwood, spices and similar crops prized at that time. The cultivation of coffee was introduced by the early French settlers and this crop dominated the economic scene for many years. This was a period of great prosperity and coffee planters were considered men of wealth. In the early part of the nineteenth century, however, the coffee plantations were attacked by blight, against which no remedy was available and the fortunes of the island rapidly declined.

Sugar was next tried. In Dominica sugar was never king, perhaps due to the climate and topography of the island. With the abolition of slavery, the competition of bounty-fed and slave-grown sugar from other parts of the world and free trade movement of the nineteenth century, the production of sugar was abandoned and has never since been resumed. The last third of the century was a period of acute economic distress for Dominica. Many of the absentee proprietors sold their estates at low prices or merely abandoned them.

Cacao, which had been planted in small quantities from early times, then partially filled the economic void and its production was rapidly increased. This crop in its turn fell upon bad times, largely due to the increased productivity from other areas with consequent fall in prices, and output has seriously declined. Considerable interest is currently being displayed in the restoration of the cacao industry.

At about the same time as the planting of cacao was being pushed, the lime industry was established and in spite of many vicissitudes this crop has remained one of the island's economic mainstays until the present day.

During recent years there has been considerable planting of oranges, grapefruit and coconuts. These crops have never individually assumed great importance in the island's economy. The impetus provided by a 15-year contract for the purchase of bananas has led

to steady development of this industry which holds top place in the exports of the colony.

As can be seen the economy of Dominica is based mainly on crops of the orchard type. Such an economy has problems of its own, for example in the large capital investment required to bring a given area into production and in the large amount of capital which can be lost if, as periodically happens, the island is visited by a hurricane.

Some comments on the postage stamps and the postal history of Dominica will wind up this series in one of our very next columns. See you next week!

# Kenosha Cover Club Installs New Officers

New officers are at the helm of the Kenosha, Wis. Cover Club. The group is Chapter 4 of the Cover Collectors Circuit Club.

Now at the helm are president Jack Larsen; vice president Dr. Edward Carelli; treasurer Paul Becker, Jr.; secretary Maurice Schoepke, 3516 Tenth Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

During the banquet at which time the new official family was installed retiring president Dr. Carelli was presented with a gift of appreciation for his efforts in guiding the club.

# Wichita Exhibition Comes In November

On November 16 and 17, 1957, the Wichita Kans. Stamp Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with an exhibit and bourse at St. Anthony's Community Center.

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Mr. Kehr becomes honorary member No. 1000 in the religious collectors' group which was established in 1943. COROS has only one other honorary member, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, who received membership No. 200 in the organization in tribute to his contributions to religious philately.

Mr. Kehr, an authority on foreign affairs as well as stamps, was born in Switzerland and was brought to the United States at the age of one. He made his first trip to Europe—alone—at the age of 11. He received a master's degree in philosophy and planned on a teaching career when he talked himself into a job on the New York World-Telegram as a hobby news columnist. He soon proved such a brilliant reporter that he was made a full-time member and sent overseas.

He has been with the New York Herald-Tribune since 1939 and has traveled extensively on assignments for that paper. Stamp collecting came as a natural hobby to him because of his world-wide interests. He speaks seven languages, among them Egyptian and Arabic, and carries on a world-wide correspondence.

Aloysius J. Paruzynski, of Milwaukee, Wis., president of COROS, praised Mr. Kehr for his "beautifully illustrated, 200-page volume simply entitled 'Vatican,' and for his 'courageous fight against the Panama stamp hoax.'"

Presentation of the honorary membership certificate was made to Mr. Kehr June 7 by Frederick L. Hill of Brooklyn, N. Y., on behalf of COROS.

**Investigation Made**  
**Of Luxembourg Items**

In 1945 the Postal Department of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg awarded to the Atelier du Timbre, Paris, the contract for printing three sets of Luxembourg "Homage to the Allies," the Heraldic Lion and the Notre Dame series. Unauthorized imperforate deluxe proofs of these stamps shortly appeared on the philatelic market over the strong objections of the Luxembourg postal authorities.

In 1956, with promises that such would not again happen, the same French stamp printers were once more awarded a contract for printing the Europa series and the Railway Electrification stamp.

Jean-Pierre Klein, editor of Luxembourg's stamp journal "Le Moniteur du Collectionneur," tells the story of these illicit deluxe proofs in the June issue of the "Luxembourg Philatelist," monthly journal of the Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club. Mr. Klein goes on to state that in spite of promises, imperforate issues of the Europa stamps have recently appeared on the European market, reaching there, the author states, from America. So far no deluxe proofs of the Electrification stamp have been seen.

Mr. Klein adds that the French Atelier du Timbre and postal authorities of France and Luxembourg are investigating the illegal leakage and hope soon to uncover the person or persons responsible for these unrecognized "favor sheets."

Information concerning the active Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club and its monthly publication, now in its eighth year, may be obtained by addressing the group's secretary-treasurer, Warren W. Sadler, % Greeley & Hansen, 217 Governor St., Richmond 19, Va.

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**Serge Balensi**

After five days in constant battle with German troops, I and four askares arrived at Edea. All quiet. The first house is open. I enter. On the table is macaroni and chicken. I look into the garden—nobody, not one Boche! With my soldiers I eat the macaroni and chicken, and we depart.

We begin inspection of the town. I see the coffee shop of the post office and we go in. Nobody. I am a collector of stamps and I enter the post office. I look around and see gold marks and mint stamps. Complete sheets of stamps, Kamerun "Hohenzollern" high values. (Scott Kamerun #16 to #19). I cannot resist the temptation! I take all the sheets of stamps and put them in the bags of my askares, and we leave.

We go to the railroad station and we find the Boches on the train ready to depart to Edeka. We start shooting as the train pulls out, and two of my askares (with all the stamps) are killed and fall into the river.

I never found the bodies or the bags containing the stamps! (The above was contributed by Mons. Serge Balensi, 114 rue Bab el Fehlah, Tunis, Tunisie)

(Editors Note: a translation of the title to this article is "Wickedness is never profitable!")

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Daniel W. Voogs, the United States agent for Harris Publications, Ltd., Robson Lowe, Ltd., and several other of the British philatelic publications, announces that he has a new address. It is P.O. Box 533, Jamestown, N.Y. He will be quite pleased to supply details as to subscription or contents of any magazines of these publishers.

June 17 is the day Ross Harvey of the Crossroads Stamp Store, 168 W. 46th St., New York 36, N.Y. leaves for Europe. This will be his fourth trip in less than three years. Linn's readers will benefit from this journey because in the summer months Crossroads will offer the collections and other material which he has bought.

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For just a one-time sale he is liquidating a rather sizeable holding of a United States mixture in small job lots. He has an ad this edition in the classified detailing the offer.

In the present edition of Linn's is an ad of the Hill Stamp Co., P. O. Box 6066, Newark 6, N. J. In it are listed the prices the firm will pay for quantities of used United States commemoratives. These buying prices are considered their most recent—all previous quotations are cancelled with the publication of the current offers.

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794	3.05 Byrd	48.50
795	3.10 Byrd	49.25
796	3.15 Byrd	50.00
797	3.20 Byrd	50.75
798	3.25 Byrd	51.50
799	3.30 Byrd	52.25
800	3.35 Byrd	53.00
801	3.40 Byrd	53.75
802	3.45 Byrd	54.50
803	3.50 Byrd	55.2

PLATE BLOCK  
THOUGHTS  
and COMMENTS

By: M. X. Weiss  
2806 W. Eastwood Ave.,  
Chicago 25, Ill.

"Suspense And Anxiety"

On May 19 Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced the issuance of a new commemorative, appropriately timed to come out with a boom on the Fourth of July. In every respect this stamp is ideally suited for the occasion. For one thing, on this anniversary date of our Declaration of Independence, what can be more suitable than the Flag of the United States of America and, without precedent, in natural colors of red and blue on white paper?

Another new feature the 4c denomination. After conducting successful experiments in bi-color printing, on a press acquired from the Giori Organization of Lausan-

ne, Switzerland, it is felt that the Post Office Department is now in a position to produce multi-color stamps in a fast and economical manner.

The reaction from plate number collectors has been terrific. The desire to obtain this stamp may reach new heights in the purchase of plate blocks. No other theme could be closer to the hearts of all Americans than the U.S. Flag. No sooner had this news come out than an avalanche of correspondence poured forth from collectors, all seeking further details and information about the plate numbers. Of course nearly all would like to get as many of these plate blocks as possible.

The first information was general, brief and scanty, at least so far as the plate block collector is concerned. The most often-asked question is not answered in the POD bulletin, "Will this be a two color printing, with two plate numbers on every sheet, as in the case of the 8c Liberty, or will this be a similar printing job to the Red Cross issue of 1952, where only one plate number on a sheet was used?"

There is a big difference between the two as far as obtaining complete matched sets is concerned.

Where one plate number on a sheet can be used, it will be just a case of another commemorative, only this being a 4c value and those seeking to complete matched sets of all numbers and positions will be able to acquire them sooner or later with considerably less trouble and expense. Four or more plate numbers may be used, depending on the popularity, which in this case can hardly be questioned.

For several years efforts have been made by the Department to put through a higher rate of first class postage, from 3c to 4c an ounce. This year, so far, the House of Representatives has passed such a measure but it still remains for the Senate to approve it before Congress adjourns for the summer. It is in the Senate that this bill has had the most difficulty in the past.

Perhaps it was optimism that suggested the thought of making this commemorative a 4c value. If this measure becomes law, then a 4c denomination, as in the case of this bi-color U. S. Flag issue, will be comparatively easy to obtain as the 3c is, currently. The slight difference is that a full sheet will cost \$2 instead of \$1.50 and the face value of a plate block being 16c

will probably retail from 25c to 30c a piece.

However, if the measure to raise the postage from 3c to 4c an ounce fails to go through this session of Congress, then we shall have an entirely different picture. The demand for plate blocks will be great—more so than any other normal commemorative and the 4c denomination will only create a greater stumbling block in the apparent difficulty to dispose of the 46 stamps after the plate block is removed. Three years ago when the 4c Lincoln of the Liberty series came out the plate block was costly whether you purchased a sheet on your own, or through a plate block dealer. In each case it was only acquired through the purchase of 100 stamps, from which you retained four and had to dispose 96. In the 4c U. S. Flag issue, there are only 50 stamps to the pane and only 46 to do away with for each plate block. But then, under these conditions, where the postage rates for first class is still 3c an ounce, a plate block is bound to cost 40c to 50c a piece. Yes, that is a strange and different picture.

The worst part of it all is the fact the demand for the new Flag

commem will be far greater when they are more difficult to obtain under conditions where the postal rate is 4c. Human nature appears less desirous of obtaining that which is more common than that which is elusive.

The very day this column was written, another bulletin appeared, from the Post Office Department, where, by implication, it appears that only one plate number may be seen on each Flag pane. This POD news release indicates that on April 30 plate numbers 25711 and 25712 went to press. In the past we found that when two plates are used for a stamp, the same release clearly states whether the frame or vignette have been printed. In the absence of this information I would say one may surmise that only one plate number will be found on a sheet. On another page of this release we find that two additional plate numbers have been assigned to the 4c U. S. Flag commemorative. They are 25713 and 25720.

It will be interesting to note what further information will come out by July 4. To the degree that it will concern the plate block collector, more will be reported in this column.

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ALGERIA. On June 19 the stamp commemorating the 22nd national congress of the holders of the military medal of Constantine will be issued. The value will be 15fr plus 5fr and will be the same as the General Leclerc stamp issued last November.

ANDORRA. A 500fr blue airmail was issued on March 13. The design is the same as the current 200fr and shows the eastern branch of the Valira river.

AUSTRIA. A new definitive series is to be started with the issuance of a 1S. stamp commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Maria Zell. To be issued on May 25 it is the forerunner of a set showing the beautiful castles and buildings of Austria.

BELGIUM. The Central Station in Brussels is the design of a new 300fr pink parcel post stamp which was recently issued.

GERMANY (West). A 20pf. red commemorative was released on May 18 for the 350th anniversary of the birth of Paul Gerhardt, clergyman. The stamp bears his portrait.

GERMANY (East). The set for mining was issued on May 3. The values and designs are: 10pf. green (dredging machine); 20pf. brown (bridge for strip mining); 25pf. blue (miner).

IRAQ. On the occasion of the opening of the Agricultural and Industrial Fair in Baghdad a new 10 fils stamp will be placed on sale. The design depicts the allegory of Agriculture and Industry.

LUXEMBOURG. Two stamps will be issued on June 17 to mark the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement and the golden jubilee of the movement itself. The first will be a 2fr ochre and olive green and the second a 2.50fr red-violet and bluish violet.

POLAND. Two sports stamps were issued on May 4 commemorating the "10th International Cycling Race of Peace". The values are 60gr. blue, and 1.50zł. carmine.

SOMALILAND. The 20c and 1/2-stamps bearing the Legislative Council Opening overprint were released on May 21.

TOGO. To commemorate the first anniversary of the Togoland Republic a 25fr stamp will be issued on August 30.

## Philatelic Section In Chicago Show

An entire section of 100 booths is expected to be devoted to stamp collecting and related fields at the Leisure Time Exposition and Do-it-yourself Show to be held at Chicago's Navy Pier, September 7-15. The Leisure Time Exposition offers exhibitors one great advantage: It is actually eleven full-size shows in one. People who come to the show because of an interest in sports, music, travel, photography, model craft or one of the other major show divisions, might never attend a stamp show. Yet, once they are there, they will have an opportunity to find out about the fascinating and enjoyable aspects of philately as a leisure time activity.

Exhibition space is being made available to associations, institutions, manufacturers, distributors and retailers whose products and services involve leisure time activities. Additional information can be obtained from Rigo Enterprises, Inc., 500 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.

## Airline Has Cachet For Service Start

Scheduled airline service to Apple Valley Calif. from Los Angeles and Las Vegas, will start on July 2, according to the Bonanza Airline officials, whose airline has been granted this route by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

An attractive "First Flight Cachet" celebrating this historical event is being prepared for cover collectors. Those wanting service should send their stamped (6c), addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Apple Valley, Calif.

Indication should be made over which route the covers are to be carried. The routes served should be marked - Dispatch From: Apple Valley via Riverside, Ontario; Apple Valley via Los Angeles; Apple Valley via Las Vegas.



**SOUTH JERSEY DEALERS BOURSE.** The popular monthly bourse of the South Jersey Stamp Dealers Club of Camden, N. J. is now well along into its third year of operations, and is proving increasingly popular with dealers and collectors alike. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, September through June, in the large assembly room of the Plaza Hotel in the heart of Camden. Patronage is drawn from the entire surrounding area, including Philadelphia, just across the Delaware river.



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## PERFINS

My mention of PERFINS (Perforated initials on stamps) has brought a lot of mail but unfortunately none from collectors of same. One thing settled was my comment on an article I had read that PERFINS had been in use a little less than thirty years. This evidently was an old article lifted from some long out of date magazine, because I have definite proof that PERFINS have been in use much longer than that.

The value of these things seems to be the next most important question. On that point I am absolutely ignorant. Precancels like foreign stamps have different values from one cent up into the hundreds of dollars. I am quite sure those who collect, buy, sell and trade in PERFINS do have some definite dollars and cents values they place on them.

We would be glad to hear from anyone who has bought or sold PERFINS to give us an idea of prices asked or realized for them. Some few Precancel collectors save some cities along with their regular precancels but these are FEW and this is not regularly done.

## SOLID PRECANCEL COLLECTIONS

What to collect is often a question put to your Precancel editor. Well of course the first answer is just what you like. Then of course follows the question, what do you suggest. Well here it is, and the first named is not necessarily the first rated in my opinion.

BUREAUS, all, or the different issues as you like (old Large types, Small B-11 types from 1926-38, the Presidentials either Wide or Narrow or both, and of course the Liberties).

TOWNS and TYPES. This is the real local type collection. One example of every precancel type used from every Town and City. This does away with the funny business that sometimes creeps in to the field as extra varieties are just not wanted.

Then there are DOUBLE LINES. Not much funny business here either; large enough to hold interest, small enough not to be a burden.

One pet suggestion I have is PRINTED TYPES of all cities other than Bureaus. In other words PRINTED TYPE LOCALS. This is a pretty solid field too but is not collected very much any more. Of course there will be those who have other pets and will disagree with the above but for solid collecting the areas mentioned pretty well cover the field.

For a collection not much on looks but for the one who really wants to dig, our nomination is CITY TYPE COILS. What about the rest? Well all are as interesting as you want to make them but have some faults that are not so obvious in the types of collections mentioned.

## BULLETIN BOARD

The Pacific Northwest Precancel Club's Newsletter was mailed in April from Boise, Idaho with a 2c Prexy. The type was the old rubber handstamp U-75. This edition I understand was an extra mailing.

The May issue of the Printed Dated News arrived using a 2c Prexy Bureau dated PDPN 5-57. If energy is given a rating this club sure should get an "A" for effort. Addresses of above furnished for return postage.

## New Officers At Helm Of Findlay, Ohio Club

The Fort Findlay Stamp Club, Findlay, Ohio reports newly elected officers as follows: Al Bryan, president; Hartley H. Smith, vice president; George B. Doty, re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings held the last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at 132 E. Main Cross St., Findlay, Ohio. The club is APS chapter #378, and offers a program and APS approval books at each meeting.



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A Heinrich Hertz commémorative already issued on February 22, 1957 by West German Bundespost at the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Hertz.

Eastern Germany had a new glider flight for mail on June 8 on the occasion of the 4th South-Thuringen stamp exhibition at Sonneberg. Special covers were taken on the flight.

Austria mourns the death of professor Ferdinand Lorber, well known Austrian designer and engraver of stamps, whose latest issued Austrian design was the Wildgans of May 3.

Ferdinand Lorber was born on November 16, 1883 at Vienna and died on May 14, 1957. He was one of the greatest stamp artists. Since 1931 he created such popular Austrian sets as "Poets", "Ignaz Seipel", "Artists", "WIPA", "Heroes", "Dollfuss", "Inventors", "Physicians".

After WW II his stamp work in Austria began with the 1946 set "Austrian Race Horses" and continued with more than 30 engrav-

ings and often also the designs, among these "Silent Night, Holy Night", "UPU"; 1952 "School Girl"; 1953 "Christmas Stamp" and others.

Professor Lorber designed and engraved a number of Liechtenstein stamps, among these the 2, 3 and 5fr issued in 1939, 1944 and 1951 which show Liechtenstein arms, the prince and the princess; the 1947 funeral stamp for princess Elsa, and during WW II any stamps of the "General Gouvernement".

It is interesting, that Austrian Post Ministry's publication about Lorber's death does not mention the fact that Lorber also created a number of German stamps during the time when Austria was attached to Germany and when most of Germany's stamps were printed by the Staatsdruckerei Vienna. Lorber's works were the most popular of the III Reich—as the 1940 Brown Ribbon Horse Race, 1941 Race Horse, 1943 "Mother and Children".

The many nice designs which he created for different countries, guarantees a long memory of philatelists for Ferdinand Lorber.

Austria issued on June 11, with validity from June 14, a commemorative on the occasion of the 50 years jubilee of Austrian post bus service. The stamp shows two post buses, at left one from 1957, at right one from 1907. Color is dark grey, face value 1 Schilling; design and engraving by Hans Ranzoni the younger.

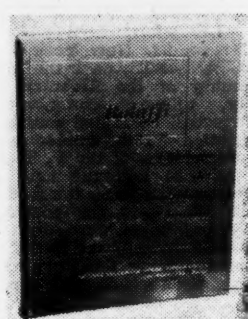
Austria will issue on June 18, with validity from June 22, a commemorative on the occasion of the 800 years jubilee of the Abbey of Mariazell. It shows Mariazell pilgrimage church and in the foreground open shops which sell candles, crucifixes and other things for pilgrims. The color is dark brown, face value 1 Schilling. The design is of professor Hans Strohofer; engraving by Georg Wimmer.

## Staten Island Club's New Officers Announced

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#### PHILATELIC MATERIAL (Continued from page 1)

50c for a class-ad. What-the-heck, maybe for a couple of bux, your local weekly will run your ad for a month or so, and from that shooting of a couple o' bux, nobody can tell how many old trunk lids you can lift to peek under! And, eleven chances out of a dozen, would be exposed to YOU, ONLY, because the owners knew your folks and would prefer to do business with you even to the point of removing portions of your clothing or hide in the process—or so they might be lead to believe by YOU, depending on how good a trader you are and what sort of characters were your antecedents!

One never knows what such ads may turn up! The whole field of stamping is wide open!

Let me recite some of the things that followed the placing of a class-ad in a rural weekly having around 1000 circulation.

An old lady submitted two shoeboxes chock-a-block full of the very commonest stamps of the 90's and early 1900's. I spread the whole works out on her kitchen table after having corralled sundry condiments and a crumbly tablecloth off to one corner, and stirred the accumulation through with one finger. I was just on the point of telling the old soul the mess wasn't even fit to start fires with when up jumped some "Chicago Birthday", precancels!

The other box had some early-bird precans and still another had some Columbian cents values BUT with them were a whole slug of Match & Medicines, in prime condition, plus some revenues in which the silk threads were as bright as the day they'd been lifted from the dye vats. Anyhow, none of them were of vital interest to me and, to make a long story more abrupt, I peddled the peddable stuff, and paid her in full what I got in the market place.

Soon after she turned up with a quite gaudy new calico dress and a stunning hairdo! The eyes the old gal got from a bevy of old hitching-post roosters more than repaid her and mebbe she snagged one of 'em, I dunno!

Now, that li'l ol' gal got around! One of her daughters was married to an Okie. I didn't know said daughter until she stopped me on the street and told me she and her husband were going to visit his kinkfolds down in the Cimmaron country where her husband said there was quite a cache of old letters—real old family letters. Would I like to see them? If so, they'd bring 'em back. I told her no harm in taking a look, if she wanted to lug 'em.

Personally, I wasn't interested in 'em but I found a couple of guys who just knew they liked early Indian Territory, old Texas, Wells Fargo, etc., covers a lot better than they liked chunks of money—and I mean gob-chunks of money, so the couple threw in their old battered suitcase on the deal, just to ease their consciences.

In this case, I was tendered a very handsome commission, definitely without the legal usury law! Then there was a war-grandmother who submitted her late grandson's collection she wanted me to buy, the proceeds to go toward a memorial swimming pool for the town kids. That sure was a toughie. The lot just had no value and it was a mighty hard matter to have to tell her so. Anyhow we settled on the basis I would take the whole lot of her boy's pride and joy and send it to a veterans' lay-out for some chap to build upon.

Small town newspapers quite frequently have a wider circulation than many people imagine. It is not all uncommon for a very suburban, four page paper to reach at least one page in half the forty-eight states. An advertiser need not be surprised if replies come from thousands of miles away.

A three-time ad placed in a regional agricultural paper brought answers from far beyond what one would, within reason, expect. Again, replies to ads placed in any

suburban paper may bring replies from someone living in the next township or just down the street!

It is not entirely the items of high market value that may be turned up. Should the collector be working on some highly specialized phase of our hobby, his chances are just as good.

I know a collector who placed his ad, as above described. He was a nut on covers postmarked from discontinued, local post offices. His three or four dollar ad chinked in several select items and the surplus was placed in circulation.

Funny way he got 'em! A local auctioneer of his acquaintance had undertaken the sale of a whole lot of plunder, ordered for the settlement of an estate among a bunch of squabbling heirs. Spotting, among the assorted gatherings a parcel of old letters, the auctioneer contacted his collector friend whose ad he had casually seen, and just did him a neighborly favor through a strictly private transaction.

Fellow clodbuster-stampers, toddle in to the county seat and put an ad in your hometown weekly, and may the Keeper of All Things not relax His hold upon your Conscience!

#### GOVERNMENT ENVELOPES (Continued from page 1)

and, in 1871, by Belgium and the Netherlands.

Postmaster General John A. Creswell in 1870 called Congress' attention to the fact other nations were already using postal cards and recommended the United States do so. But the bill to authorize them didn't become law until 1872, and they didn't come out until the following year.

Domestic single postal cards in this country were always a penny until January 1, 1952, when the present 2c rate was provided, except for a period around World War I.

A 1c tax on cards was added to the 1c base rate, and hundreds of millions of cards were printed at 2c. When the tax was abolished July 1, 1919, Uncle Sam had 200 million 2-penny cards on his hands worth a penny each. They were overprinted with a "1-cent" imprint and sold to avoid waste.

An interesting fable has been circulated for many years about the so-called "garbage" postal card. The story has it that Mrs. William McKinley didn't like the picture of her President husband on 1,625,000 1902 postal cards and the Postmaster General then accordingly ordered every one of them destroyed.

Somehow, a box of 500 of the rejected ones, though, was delivered to New York City and sold by the Postmaster there to a New York garbage disposal firm, which had its own name and address printed on the address side.

Most of these 500 were retrieved by a postal official who had been dispatched from Washington to get them back, but a few of them ultimately reached the hands of collectors, and they are referred to as the "garbage cards."

There is no official substantiation of the story about Mrs. McKinley. Actually, the official records show they were destroyed because they had not been well printed on the high speed presses which were just then coming into use.

Philatelically, the "garbage" cards list up to \$300 catalogue value, and a number of other issues of relatively rare postal cards list for prices like \$30, \$40 and \$50 each.

Collecting of cards appears to have increased greatly in recent years, along with increases in stamp collecting generally.

U. S. postal cards have been printed by the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. since 1910. And, except for a few, particularly the earliest, plates used in printing them have been prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

The domestic postal card became a twin for the first time on

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The first international card issued by the United States made its debut on December 1, 1879, and made it possible to communicate with almost anybody in the world for only 2c.

The double international reply card was first sold in 1893 at 4c and this device made it possible for people in this country to assure themselves of a reply from folks back in the "old country" who might not otherwise have postage to spare for a reply. The card was particularly useful for newly-arrived immigrants. However it is still mailed by millions of Americans each year, and still costs a small amount, 8c.

Although regular U. S. airmail service dates back to 1918, there was not an airmail card until January 10, 1949 (although previously regular cards could be sent by air simply by the addition of an appropriate stamp to take care of the extra postage). The airmail cards sell today for 4c, same as in 1949.

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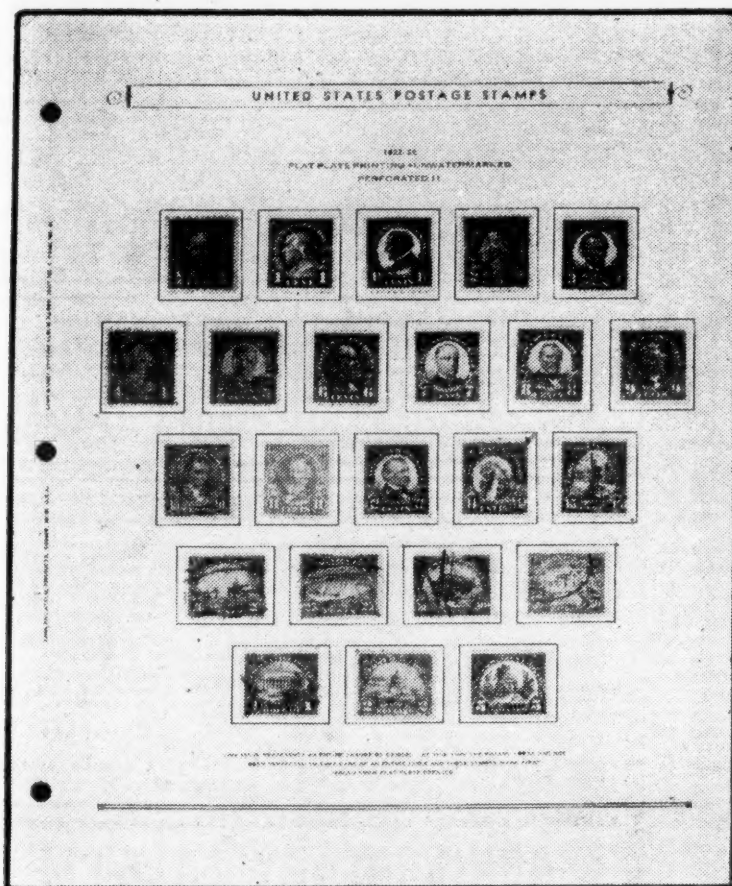
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Resistance Heroes Honored. On May 18 France released a set of five commemoratives which paid tribute to participants in the resistance movement in World War II. Each was released at a different city — FDC's were given a special postmark. Honored were Jean Moulin (8fr), Honore D'Estienne (10fr), Robert Keller (12fr), Pierre Brossolette (18fr) see the cover above, Jean-Baptiste Lebas (20fr). Pierre A. Cubells, 2 Rue des Gravières, Soissons (Aisne), France sent covers.

## Dutch Devise A New Museum Twist

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The Dutch Postal Museum, which already has introduced numerous innovations to stimulate public interest in philately, recently came up with a new idea specially aimed at getting more youngsters interested in collecting stamps.

The writer never ceases to be amazed at the accomplishments of the museum which occupies a splendid building on the Zeestraat, just off the very heart of The Hague. Its director Dr. R. E. J. Weber, in cooperation with the Information Officer of the Dutch P. T. T., Cas d'Artillac Brill, constantly devises gimmicks to promote greater knowledge of and interest in postage stamps.

Because the museum is frequently visited by youngsters—either with class groups, or individually as part of school work—it is an ideal place to get many of them started. Dr. Weber has taken advantage of the opportunity.

During the last visit, in April, the writer noted that every youngster who entered was handed a small form on which were printed six questions, the answers to which could be found in some exhibit in the stamps displayed at that time. (A very few exhibits are more or less permanent; each month, however, the ultra-modern cases have

specially selected ones so regular visits can be made without seeing the same material over and over again.)

To a philatelist the questions are simple: "Name a stamp that shows a post office in The Hague; What Dutch stamp portrays Eechie Pieters?; What Norwegian queen celebrated her 75th birthday in 1947?; etc.

Yet to one who has not become accustomed to really looking at a stamp's design, they offer a challenge.

"It gets our youngsters to examine all stamps more thoroughly," Dr. Weber declared. "And once they get the habit it's not long before they become collectors."

All youngsters under sixteen years of age are invited to fill out the form, giving the answers, their name, school, class and address.

The museum then sends a letter of congratulation to every youngster who has all answers correct, together with a set of the Jubilee stamps of 1938, and a Jamboree set of 1937, and a leaflet encouraging the winner to use these as the basis for a collection of Dutch stamps.

Of course this is intended to get more and more people to buy sets of every new Dutch issue as it is released—which means cash profits for the Postal Administration—but the fact that it also promotes philatelic interest generally is a contribution which stampdom cannot ignore.

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